

COUNCIL WORK SESSION – Tuesday, April 8, 2014

The Council met in open session at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Councilmen Goodenough, Cathey, Hopkins, Powell, Sandoval and Bertoglio and Mayor Meyer. Absent: Councilmen Hedquist and Schlager.

At 4:35 p.m. it was moved by Councilman Hopkins, seconded by Councilman Bertoglio to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

At 5:02 p.m. it was moved by Councilman Bertoglio, seconded by Councilman Hopkins to adjourn the Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The Mayor asked the City Manager to introduce the presentation by Fehr and Peers on the Long-Range Transportation Plan for 2040. Andrew Nelson, MPO Manager, introduced the consultant and noted that the Plan had been reviewed by the MPO Policy and Technical Committee earlier in the day. The MPO Policy Committee has asked that the recommendations be built around the High Growth Option. The final report and recommendations should be back to Council in 4 to 6 weeks.

Rick Harrah, Public Services Director, introduced Cindie Langston and Beth Andreas to present the proposal from the Department for a mulch mowing campaign. The theme for the campaign was selected as “Cut It High, and Let It Lie”. Several outreach programs are planned and the impact on the waste stream will be tracked. The goal is for a 30% reduction in the amount of yard waste material going into the landfill.

The City Manager introduced Tracey Belser, Human Resources Director, to discuss the recent partnership with Casper College for an Employee Survey and Training Program. Tracey noted that the results of the survey were very positive with regard to our employee feelings about their workplace and their relationship with the supervisors. The areas of lower scores were with regard to communication concerns and accountability. The Training Program for Supervisors will be developed with these results in mind.

City Manager Patterson introduced the staff report and recommendations for allocation of the biennium consensus funds which were approved by the Legislature for capital projects in the community. After a discussion Council asked that the funding for the Platte River Restoration Project (\$1,000,000), the replacement of the scoreboards at the Casper Events Center (\$1,000,000) and the renovation project at the Casper Recreation Center (\$1,500,000) be moved forward for consideration by SLIB.

The Mayor reminded Council of the joint meeting with the County Commissioners and the Amoco Reuse Joint Powers Board scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 4:30 pm. This will be treated as a special council meeting and all members are asked to attend.

Councilman Powell informed the Council of the upcoming Meth Conference on April 23rd and 24th and the Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference scheduled for May 7th and 8th in Casper.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.